

Gwari language

Gwari is a Nupoid language spoken by over a million people in Nigeria. There are two principal varieties, **Gbari** (West Gwari) and **Gbagyi** (East Gwari), which have some difficulty in communication; sociolinguistically they are distinct languages.

Varieties

Gbagye is also known as **Gwari-Matai** or **Gwarin Ngenge**, which are recently adopted cover terms.^[3]

There are two separate Gbagye groups living in:^[3]

- Minna and Kuta (more prominent group)
- around Diko, northeast of Suleja

Gbagye is the only Nupoid language that has the bilabial implosive /b/.^[3]

Gbari (also known as **Gwari**) is a cover term for all the Gbari-speaking peoples, and includes many varieties.^[3]

Gbari-Yama is a cover term used for all southern Gbari dialects. There are two closely related dialects, which are:^[3]

- **Shigokpna**
- **Zubakpna**

Gbedegi is an extinct language (possibly a Nupe dialect) spoken near Mokwa (Nadel 1941).^[3]

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Gwari	
Native to	Nigeria.
Region	Abuja, Kaduna State, Niger State, and Nasarawa State.
Ethnicity	Gbagyi people
Native speakers	(700,000 Gbagyi cited 1991) ^[1] <div>350,000 Gbari (2002)</div>
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volta–Niger<ul style="list-style-type: none">NOI<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nupoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nupe–Gbagyi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gwari</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: <div>gbr – Gbagyi</div> gby – Gbari
Glottolog	gbag1256 (http://glottolog.org/resource/lanuoid/id/gbag1256) ^[2]

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